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A report says U.S. operations in Nicaragua may be "out of control." The Center for National Security Studies, which is associated with the American Civil Liberties Union, issued a report yesterday contending that either the Reagan administration's policy is aimed at destroying the Nicaraguan government or it is "out of control," director Morton Halperin said. He called on Congress to investigate U.S. actions relating to Nicaragua. "The only secret about its operation is its purpose," said Halperin, who served on the National Security Council staff under Henry A. Kissinger in the early 1970s. "It is high time Congress held hearings on the very dangerous situation developing in Central America because of the CIA's activities there," he said. The report questioned assertions by the administration that its operations seek to support Nicaraguan moderates, to disrupt Cuban supply lines to El Salvador and to force Nicaragua to end its support of leftist guerrillas threatening El Salvador's U.S.-backed government.